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From: Jerry Juhl
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 5:57 PM
Subject: Stop Consolidation of Media Ownership

I am writing to urge you to oppose attempts to eliminate restrictions on the number of television and/or radio stations that one company may own. We need more diversity in programming, not less.

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Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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